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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM WALT TO CODEL UPON
ARRIVAL:

QUOTE: AS PART OF YOUR INTEREST IN BROADENING UNDER-
STANDING OF ARAB CULTURE IN US FOLLOWING STATISTICS ABOUT
PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY'S MIDDLE EAST STUDIES PROGRAM
MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN CAIRO. CURRENTLY 60 STUDENTS
ENROLLED IN PROGRAM, WORKING TOWARD CERTIFICATE (NO DEGREE
GIVEN). CURRENT FUNDING FOR L973-4 IS US DOLS 63,844, ALL
FROM PSU BUDGET. THE 72-73 BUDGET WAS US DOLS 104,086,
OF WHICH US DOLS 56,240 WAS A FEDERAL GRANT. 73-74 BUDGET
HAS NO FEDERAL FUNDS. PERHAPS SOME INTEREST IN SUPPORTING
PART OF PSU PROGRAM BY ARAB COUNTRY GOVERNMENTS COULD BE
SUGGESTED.

WHEN MEETING WITH US OFFICIALS IN TURKEY RE MCDANIEL CASE,
BE ADVISED THAT STATE DEPARTMENT TOLD ME THERE WAS
QUOTE CONFLICTING EVIDENCE UNQUOTE IN TRIAL RE INNOCENCE
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OR GUILT. THE THREE AMERICANS MIGHT NOT BE AS INNOCENT AS

EDITORIALS AND LETTERS WOULD INDICATE. PERHAPS MORE FIRM DATA ON THIS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM US OFFICIALS. PERHAPS STATE DEPARTMENT WANTS YOU LEGAL EAGLE TO VISIT TO PURSUE THIS.

OREGONIAN REPORTER WANTS TO INTERVIEW YOU FROM ISTANBUL RE EGYPT IMPRESSIONS AND MCDANIEL DEVELOPMENTS. PAPER RECOGNIZES IMPORTANCE OF YOUR TRIP (A WELCOME CHANGE FROM PAST ATTITUDES). TODD ENGDAHL IS REPORTER ASSIGNED TO DO THE STORY. A TEN HOUR DIFFERENCE EXISTS BETWEEN PORTLAND AND ISTANBUL. ENGDAHL'S OFFICE PHONE IS 221-8203. HIS HOME PHONE IS 228-3931. HE SAID OREGONIAN WILL PAY FOR CALL, SO REIMBURSEMENT PROBABLY WOULD BE EASIEST. PROBABLY FRIDAY EVENING AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL IN ISTANBUL WOULD REACH HIM AT PAPER, OR SOME TIME SATURDAY WOULD REACH HIM AT HOME. IF IT IS TOO DIFFICULT DON'T BOTHER TRYING IT, BU PAPER IS INTERESTED.

NO EXCITING NEWS HERE: FILIBUSTER STALLS PUBLIC FINANCING BILL. JANET BACK FROM MEXICO; WES IN JAPAN AFTER FIASCO RE HIS VISA. EVERYONE HERE HOPES YOU ALL ARE HAVING GREAT TIME. GRANDPARENTS GOT YOU MESSAGE AND ARE WELL AND HAPPY. END QUOTE. RUSH

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